DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

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Income of Foreign Governments and International Organizations; Comment Period Reopening

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury and the IRS are reopening the comment period for REG-146537-06, relating to the exemption from taxation afforded to foreign governments under section 892.

DATES: The comment period is reopened, and additional written or electronic comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by [INSERT DATE 60]

DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit additional public comments electronically. Submit electronic submissions via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov (indicate IRS and REG-146537-06) by following the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury Department") and the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will publish for public availability any comment submitted electronically, and on paper, to its public docket. Send hard copy submissions to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-146537-06), Room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-146537-06), Courier's

Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Deuth at (202) 317-6938; concerning submissions of comments or requests for a public hearing, Vivian Hayes at (202) 317-5306 (not toll-free numbers) or by sending an email to publichearings@irs.gov (preferred).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Generally, the 2011 proposed regulations provide guidance relating to the exemption from taxation afforded to foreign governments from qualified investments in the United States under section 892 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Treasury Department and the IRS are considering finalizing the 2011 proposed regulations and, therefore, are reopening the comment period with respect to the 2011 proposed regulations for 60 days. Comments that were previously submitted in accordance with the 2011 proposed regulations will be considered and do not need to be submitted again in response to this reopening of the comment period. The 2011 proposed regulations may be finalized in conjunction with finalizing the proposed regulations published in this issue of the **Federal Register** regarding the treatment of certain entities for purposes of the section 892 exemption that relate in some respects to certain provisions of the 2011 proposed regulations.

REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be scheduled if requested in writing by any person who timely submits written comments. Requests for a public hearing are encouraged to be made electronically. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date and time for the public hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**. Announcement 2020-4, 2020-17 IRB 667, provides that until further notice, public hearings conducted by the IRS will be held telephonically. Any telephonic hearing will be made accessible to people with disabilities.

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